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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS AGREEMENT

BEIRUT FOR RCO; ATHENS FOR ATO

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JULY 9, 1975 FROM EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA REQUESTING PERMISSION TO INSTALL AND OPERATE RADIO TRANSMITTER IN THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSY.

2. EMBASSY NOTE MAKES NO REFERENCE TO RECIPROCITY OR FACT U.S. HAS OPERATED RADIO TRANSMITTERS BOTH JIDDA AND DHAHRAN SINCE EARLY 60'S, AND THAT OFFICIAL APPROVAL TO OPERATE THESE TRANSMITTERS WAS EVER REQUESTED FROM MFA.

3. PUBLIC LAW 87-795 PERMITS U.S. GOVERNMENT TO GRANT RADIO RIGHTS TO FOREIGN EMBASSY IF PRESIDENT (WHO HAS DELEGATED THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY) DETERMINES AUTHORIZATION TO DO SO WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL INTERESTS AND ONLY WHEN THE FOREIGN
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GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES TO THE U.S.

4. SINCE U.S HAS HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF OPERATING OUR OWN RADIO TRANSMITTERS IN JIDDA AND DHAHRAN POSTS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DO SO, AND NO APPARENT RESTRICTIONS; DEPARTMENT BELIEVES BEST INTEREST ALL CONCERNED TO ENTER AND CONCLUDE RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS AGREEMENT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE SINCE WE NOW OPERATE OWN SATELLITE FACILITIES (SKYLINK) INSTEAD OF HF RADIO AT JIDDA WHICH IS CONSIDERABLE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

5. DEPARTMENT PROPOSES RECOMMEND FAVORABLE DETERMINATION TO OFFICE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY. PRIOR DOING SO, REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS AND/OR CONCURRENCE. INGERSOLL

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